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BISHOP'S STORTFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,  
The Council Offices,  
Bishop's Stortford,  
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November, 1973.

To the Chairman and Members  
Bishop's Stortford Urban District Council

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the health of the Bishop's Stortford Urban District.

Local Government Re-organisation provides an opportunity to make some comment on the development of environmental health care in the town. A Board of Health for Bishop's Stortford was set up in 1867 followed, some twenty years later by a health department to care for East Hertfordshire and Essex Combined Districts. Stansted, Essex, withdrew from this department in 1930, followed in 1948 by Bishop's Stortford. Since then, Bishop's Stortford Public Health Department has been autonomous.

It is of interest to note the adjusted Birth Rate for Bishop's Stortford Urban District in 1972 was the same as the adjusted Death Rate, 11.1 per 1,000. It will be seen from the following graphs that this phenomenon last occurred in the early 1930's. The Birth Rate graph readily shows the effects of prosperity and stress on the community. The Death Rate, while it has fallen somewhat, has varied remarkably little during the century. The Annual Report on the Health of Bishop's Stortford Urban District of 1897 mentions deaths over the age of forty-one years in much the same way as today we speak of deaths over the age of sixty-five years. The Death Rate among young people was largely attributable to a high Infant Mortality Rate. In 1897 this rate was 83.7 per 1,000 live births; in 1972 only 18 per 1,000. The change in the Infant Mortality Rate, while due in part to advances in medical science, is also the result of an improved standard of living.

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To the Chairman and Members

Bishop's Stortford Urban District Council (Cont'd.)

Problems of Sewage Disposal in the 1870's were resolved by the opening of a Sewage Farm on forty-two acres of land purchased for the sum of £3,750. This land is still in use.

At the turn of the century councillors were greatly concerned about the Isolation Hospital facilities and we read in the Council minutes of the 'pros and cons' of sharing facilities with neighbouring authorities. Many of the arguments put forward at that time could well be applied to the present controversy on our hospital facilities.

We extend our good wishes for a happy retirement to Mr. A.L. Good who left the department in 1972 after twenty-four years service with the Council. He gave freely of his time and skills and we greatly appreciated this.

The Members and Officers of the Council supported the work of the Public Health Department throughout the year.

We are, Your Obedient Servants,

IRENE R. CLARKE  
Medical Officer of Health.

HAROLD W. CHILDS  
Chief Public Health  
Inspector.



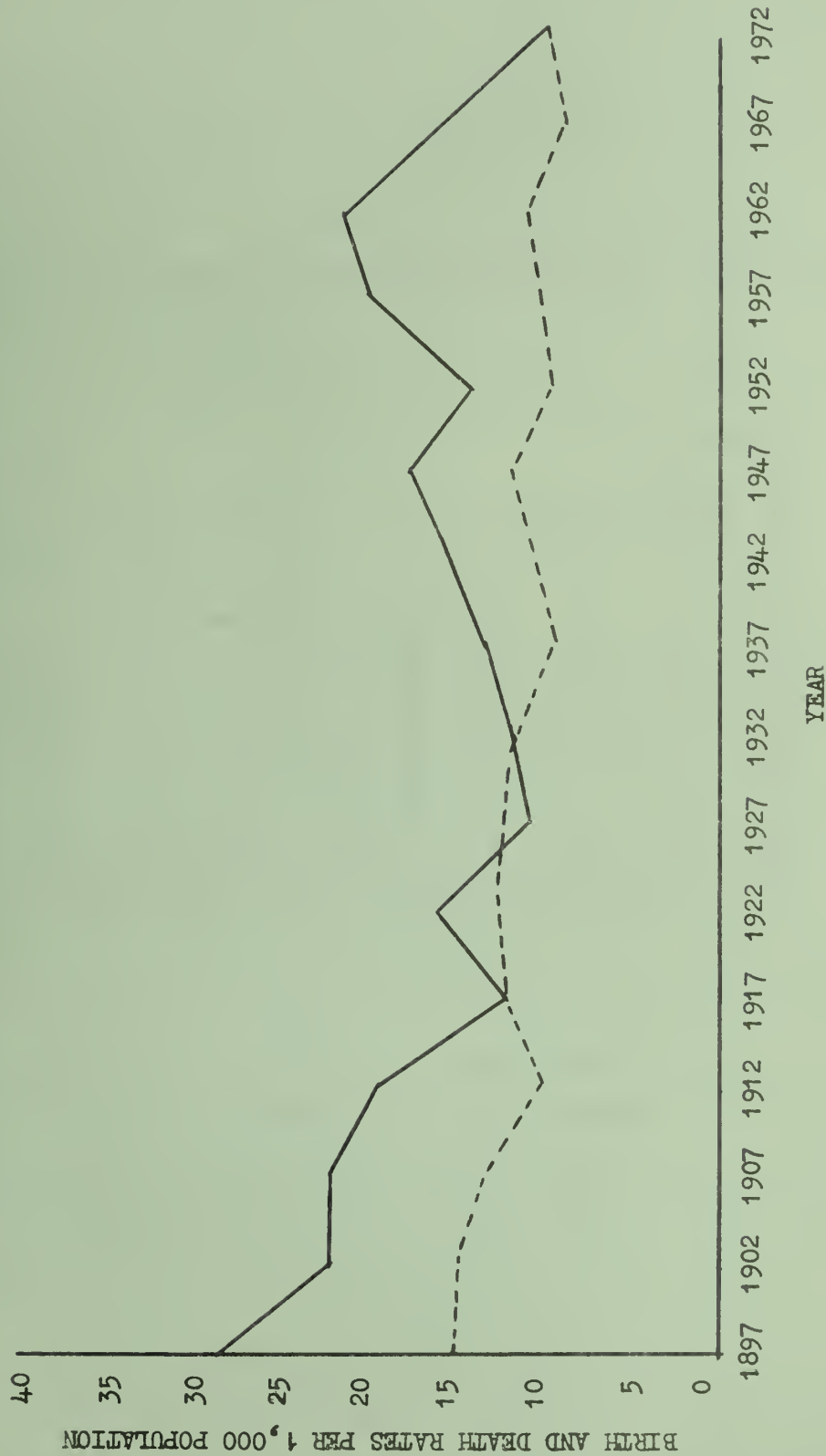
# BISHOP'S STORTFORD URBAN DISTRICT

## BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

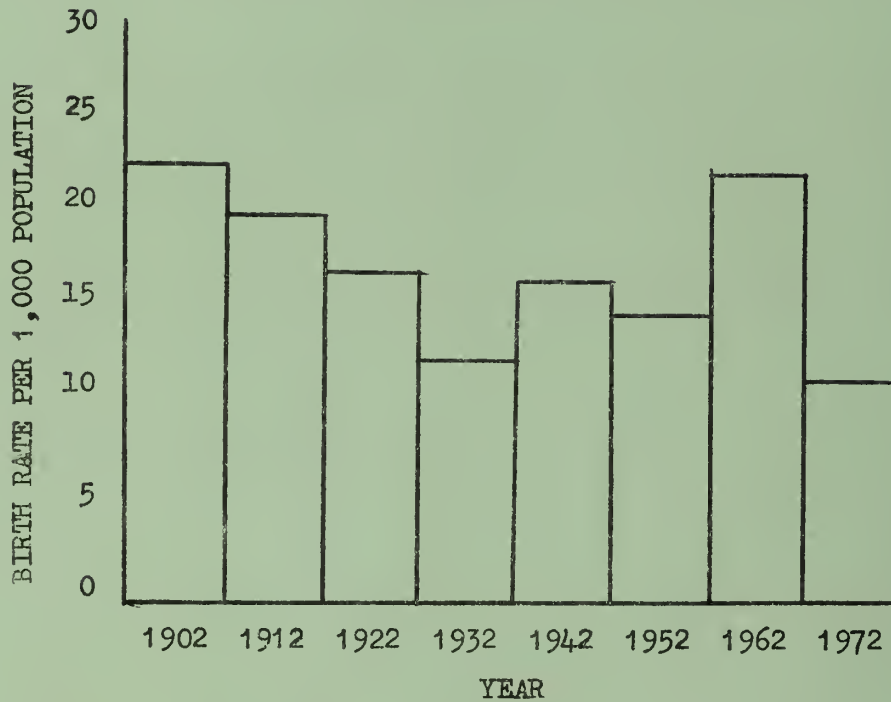
PERIOD 1897 to 1972

Birth Rate - Solid Line

Death Rate - Dotted Line



BISHOP'S STORTFORD URBAN DISTRICT



BIRTH RATES  
PERIOD 1902 to 1972

## SECTION A.

### PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND ANCILLARY SERVICES

#### GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES

These are provided by 11 practitioners working in three practices. Two of these practices are of the group type and the third is a single-handed practice. Health Visitors and District Nurse/Midwives are attached to each of the practices.

Dental treatment is provided by five practices.

Pharmaceutical services are provided by six chemists.

#### HOSPITAL SERVICES

These services are provided by the North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board and are administered by the Harlow Group Hospital Management Committee.

The majority of hospital cases in the Urban District of Bishop's Stortford are accommodated in the Herts. and Essex General Hospital (364 beds) and the Bishop's Stortford and District Hospital (53 beds). At the present moment, unfortunately, 50 beds (12 in the Bishop's Stortford & District Hospital, 38 in the Herts. & Essex Hospital) are not in use due to a shortage of nursing staff.

Staff of all the disciplines involved in modern hospital practice have become increasingly difficult to obtain in this area. The Housing difficulties of the district have contributed considerably to this situation.

The Hospital authorities provide facilities which enable the Family Planning Association to run evening clinics.

#### HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

The County Council provides the following services:-

##### Clinics

These are held in the Health Centre, Market Square, Bishop's Stortford (Telephone No. Bishop's Stortford 52746).

##### Infant Welfare

Thursdays 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon,  
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

##### Antenatal

Wednesdays 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.  
By appointment with appropriate General Practitioner.

General Clinic for  
School Children

1st and 3rd Wednesday in every month  
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon by appointment.

Child and Family  
Psychiatric Service

Tuesdays (all day)  
by appointment.

Well Woman Clinic  
(Cervical Cytology)

1st and 3rd Monday in every month  
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

Speech Therapy

Monday and Friday by appointment.

Dental

School children and expectant mothers  
(daily) by appointment.

Chiropody

Wednesday mornings - by appointment.

Family Planning

- (a) 2nd and 4th Monday in every month  
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.
- (b) Thursdays 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.  
This Clinic is run in conjunction  
with the Infant Welfare Clinic and  
is intended primarily for Mothers  
of pre-school children.

Both Clinics are organised and staffed  
by the Family Planning Association.

Verruca Clinic

Fridays 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon  
by appointment.

HEALTH SERVICES:

Nursing Services

- (a) Health Visitors and School Nurses  
may be contacted at the Health  
Centre between 9.00 a.m. and  
10.00 and between 4.00 p.m. and  
5.00 p.m. on weekdays.
- (b) Domiciliary Midwives and Home  
Nurses work from the following  
addresses :-
  - 4 Rowney Crescent, Debden,  
Saffron Walden (Tel: S.W. 7636)
  - 72 Stortford Hall Park  
(Tel: B.S. 52755)
  - 109 Rye Street (Tel: B.S. 52417)
  - 36B Rye Street (Tel: B.S. 51385)
  - 3 Dolphin Way (Tel: B.S. 59354)

### School Health Service

All school entrants are offered a medical examination during their first school year. Further medical examinations are carried out only if thought advisable by parent, teacher or school medical officer. Each school has a visiting Health Visitor who arranges periodic hygiene inspections of the children. She also assists in the teaching of subjects relating to health such as infant feeding, personal hygiene and food handling.

### Ambulance Service

There is an Ambulance Station in Patmore Close, Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford.

### LABORATORY SERVICE:

Laboratory facilities for Public Health Specimens are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge.

### SOCIAL SERVICES:

A team of seven Social Workers operate from The Lodge, Health Centre, Market Square, Bishop's Stortford.

### VOLUNTARY SERVICES:

The voluntary workers of the town continue to give freely of both time and money.

1972 was notable as the year in which the local branch of the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped, opened "Grove Cottage", as a day and evening centre for the mentally handicapped of all ages. I understand that such centres are few in this country and our local association is to be congratulated on this great achievement. Their work was helped both practically and financially by many of the town's organisations, notably the Bishop's Stortford Round Table.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES:  
(Cont'd.)

The facilities for the retired people of the town improved greatly in the year under review. A luncheon club run by the W.R.V.S., was established at the Rhodes Centre. The club meets twice weekly and provides about 80 meals on each occasion. This venture has proved popular and there is a waiting list for places at the club.

Several of the town's primary schools share their lunch table with retired people. This arrangement helps to bridge the "generation barriers" our society is so fond of erecting.

"Meals on Wheels", organised by the W.R.V.S., continue to provide meals for the housebound. Approximately 75 meals are provided on three days of the week.

SECTION B.

STATISTICS

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
(1) <u>General</u>		
Area (Acres) .....	3,826	(3,826)
Population (Registrar General's estimate for Mid-Year) .....	22,130	(22,120)
Population (Census 1961) .....	18,308	(18,308)
Rateable Value .....	£1,240,022	(£1,202,064)
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate .....	£12,050	(£11,760)
Number of Inhabited Houses .....	7,164	(7,119)
Density of Persons per acre .....	5.8	(5.6)
Density of Houses per acre .....	1.87	(1.89)
Average number of occupants per house ....	3.09	(2.99)
(2) <u>Vital Statistics</u>		
(a) Live Births (total) .....	284	(339)
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	134	136
Illegitimate	9	5
(b) Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population:-		
Crude Rate .....	12.8	(15.3)
Adjusted Rate .....		
(Comparability Factor 0.87).....	11.1	(13.0)
Rate for England and Wales .....	14.8	(16.0)
(c) Illegitimate live births per cent of total Live Births .....	5.00	(4.42)
(d) Stillbirths .....	.1	(2)
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths .....	4	(6)
(e) Infant deaths (Deaths under 1 year) ..	5	(7)
Legitimate .....	5	(6)
Illegitimate .....	NIL	(1)
Infant Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births) .....	18	(21)



(2) Vital Statistics

(e) <u>(Cont'd.)</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births)	NIL	(67)
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births) .....	19	(19)
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales	17	(18)
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births) .....	18	(12)
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births) ....	14	(12)
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales .....	10	(10)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and stillbirths) .....	18	(18)
Perinatal Mortality Rate for England and Wales .....	22	(22)
(f) Maternal Mortality .....	(NIL)	(NIL)
(g) Total Deaths ALL Ages .....	200	(177)
(h) Death Rate per 1,000 population :-		
Crude Rate .....	9.0	(8.0)
Adjusted Rate (Comparability Factor 1.23) .....	11.1	(8.8)
Rate for England and Wales .....	12.1	(11.6)



(3) Comparative Table of Vital Statistics.

	1971	1972
<u>Live Births</u> No.	339	284
Adjusted Rate	13.0	11.1
<u>Total Infant Deaths</u>		
No.	7	5
Rate.	21.0	18.0
<u>Maternal Deaths</u>		
No.	NIL	NIL
Rate.	NIL	NIL
<u>Total Deaths</u> No.	177	200
Adjusted Rate	8.8	11.1
<u>Population</u> (Estimated Mid-Year)	22,120	22,130

(4) MORTALITY TABLE

Cause of Death	Sex	Under 4 wks	4 wks.& under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS					Over 75	Total All Ages
				1-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65-74		
1.Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.Syphilis and its Sequelae	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
3.Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity ETC.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3
5.Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
6.Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4
7.Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	7
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
8.Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	4
9.Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
10.Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
11.Leukaemia	M	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
	F	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4
13.Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
14.Diabetes Mellitus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2

Cause of Death	Sex	Under 4 wks	4 wks.& under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS					Over 75	Total All Ages
				1-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65-74		
15.Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16.Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
17.Multiple Sclerosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18.Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
19.Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.Hypertensive Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
21.Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	8	22
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	11	18
22.Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
23.Cerebrovas- cular Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	8
	F	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	5	11
24.Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	7
25.Pneumonia	M	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	4	11
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	12
26.Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	9
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27.Asthma	M	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
28.Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
29.Peptic Ulcer	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
30.Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

Cause of Death	Sex	Under 4 wks	4 wks.& under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS					Over 75	Total All Ages
				1-4	5-14	15-24	25-64	65-74		
31.Cirrhosis of Liver	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
32.Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
33.Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
34.Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
35.Congenital Anomalies	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
36.Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
37.Symptoms and ill-defined con- ditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38.Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	5
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
39.All Other Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3
40.Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M	2	-	1	3	2	27	27	37	99
	F	3	-	-	-	-	22	22	54	101

## MORTALITY TABLE - MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

There was an increase in the number of deaths (23) notified during the year. The crude death rate was 9 per 1,000 population, a figure which compares favourably with the rate for England and Wales (12.1 per 1,000 population), and the rate for Hertfordshire (9.5 per 1,000 population).

30% of the deaths notified occurred before the age of 65 years. This figure shows a decrease of 14% on the figures for the previous year. It is of interest to note that all but 2 of the accidental deaths notified, occurred in the younger age group. Most of this year's accidental deaths were attributable to motor vehicle accidents.

Diseases of the heart and circulation still cause the greatest number of deaths in the area but in 1972 the majority of deaths among the middle-aged resulted from malignant disease.

## INFANT AND PERINATAL MORTALITY

The Infant Mortality Rate for Bishop's Stortford in 1972 was 18 per 1,000 live births. This figure is greater than the rate for Hertfordshire (13.4 per 1,000) but close to the figure for England and Wales (17.2 per 1,000). However, the Perinatal Mortality Rate of 18 per 1,000 compares favourably with both the Hertfordshire figure of 19.6 per 1,000 and the England and Wales rate of 21.7 per 1,000.

When the new Local Government District is formed in 1974 such figures will have more significance as the numbers involved will be much greater and will, therefore, be less likely to show the wild fluctuations we have seen in these rates in Bishop's Stortford over the last few years.

Five infant deaths were recorded, two of which were attributed to severe congenital malformation and three to prematurity.



SECTION C.PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASESNOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Notification of the following infectious diseases were received during the year :-

DISEASE	Under 1 year	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-60	Over 60	ALL AGES
Acute Meningitis Meningococcus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
Measles	2	12	10	66	2	-	-	-	92
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	6
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	3	13	10	72	4	1	2	-	105

DISEASE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Acute Meningitis Meningo- coccus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Measles	1	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	-	2	49	33	92
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	6
Tubercu- losis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	2	-	-	-	3	1	8	3	2	3	50	33	105

## Infectious Diseases

There was a marked increase in notifiable diseases, caused entirely by an outbreak of measles towards the end of the year. This outbreak continued until the spring of 1973. Most of the children involved in the outbreak had NOT been vaccinated against measles.

All three cases of Food-poisoning occurred as an aftermath of holidays spent on the shores of the Mediterranean sea. It cannot be over-emphasized that great care must be exercised in the choice and preparation of food eaten outside Northern Europe.

## VENEREAL DISEASE

A second "Special Clinic" for the treatment of Venereal Diseases was opened at the Herts. & Essex Hospital in late 1972, to provide for the great increase that has occurred in the incidence of these diseases.

	1969	1970	1971	1972
Patients residing in Hertfordshire attending the Special Clinic at Herts and Essex General Hospital, Bishop's Stortford.	99	121	138	387

During 1972, 49 cases of venereal disease attending this Clinic were diagnosed among the residents of Bishop's Stortford. It is probable that many more of the townspeople attend Special Clinics elsewhere. It is well known that this disease can be cured relatively easily but it is frequently forgotten that these diseases can also cause sterility, insanity and eventual death. One such death is recorded earlier in this report.

## TUBERCULOSIS

Cases on Register at 31.12.71	Males		Females		Totals
	Pul.	Non.Pul.	Pul.	Non.Pul.	
	40	3	18	9	70
Number of Cases Notified during year	-	-	1	-	1
Inward Transfer	-	-	-	-	Nil
Cases Removed	-	-	-	-	Nil
Cases on Register at 31.12.72	40	3	19	9	71

The Mass Radiography Unit spent two days in the town in 1972. During these visits 464 people were X-Rayed and four were recalled for further investigation. Two showed evidence of tuberculosis requiring only occasional supervision and the remaining two showed a non-tuberculous chest abnormality.

National Assistance Act, 1948. Section 47  
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951.

No action was necessary under this Act in 1972.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The weekly household refuse collection is disposed of by "controlled tipping" at the Bishop's Stortford tip at Hadham Towers in the Rural District of Braughing.

Special arrangements can be made to collect large items of refuse. If such items comprise an entire lorry load, a charge is made.

Water Supply.

Twelve samples of drinking water were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory. All reports were satisfactory.

A sample of water from a flat in Bridge Street was submitted for chemical analysis to the Public Analyst, who reported as follows :-

Physical Characters .....Good  
Reaction .....pH 7.1

The sample contained:-

Parts per 100,000

Chloride .....	2.5
Ammonia (free & Saline) .....	NIL
Ammonia (albuminoid) .....	0.0010
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hrs at 37°C .....	0.0188
Nitrate (as N) .....	0.20
Nitrate .....	Absent
Poisonous Metals .....	Absent
Total Hardness (Clark) .....	24.8



### Bacteriological Examination

Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls		
No. of micro-organisms per ml. at 37°C	=	Nil
No. of micro-organisms per ml. at 21°C	=	Nil
Microscopical Examination of Deposit	=	None

### Remarks

The results obtained on the analysis of this sample do not show any evidence of pollution with harmful organic or inorganic matter.

I am of the opinion that this water is fit for drinking purposes.

S. Greenburgh  
Public Analyst.

### Fluoride Content.

The Chief Chemist and Bacteriologist of the Lee Valley Water Co. has reported that in a sample of water taken from the Town during the year, the fluoride content was less than 0.2 parts per million.

### Swimming Pools.

Seventeen samples of water were taken from the seven swimming pools in the area, including three samples submitted for bacteriological examination. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

During 1972 work continued on the new Sewage Works and Pumping Station.

After satisfactory contracts had been drawn up, work commenced on the Thorley Sewer, Cannon's Mill Lane Pumping Station and Hadham Road sewer. It is hoped that these projects will all be completed by 1974.

Some surface water flooding occurred in the area of Beechlands and The Chase. This work has now gone to contract and work is expected to commence before the end of 1973.

Oil pollution of the river has been found on several occasions. It is thought to be the result of sump oil being placed in road gullies. Arrangements have been made by the Council to collect this oil and dispose of it, thereby reducing the pollution.

SECTION D.PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATIONINSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

4,578 visits to all types of premises were carried out during the year, the details of which are given below.

<u>Total Number of Visits</u>	..	..	..	..	..	4,578
Dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts..	..	..	..	..	..	170
Revisits to houses for housing defects	..	..	..	..	..	394
Houses inspected for overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	2
Council House Applications	..	..	..	..	..	97
Drainage and Drain Tests	..	..	..	..	..	169
Complaints other than housing	..	..	..	..	..	212
Markets	..	..	..	..	..	48
Factories (Power and Non-Power)	..	..	..	..	..	26
Factories Act - Building Sites	..	..	..	..	..	5
Workplaces, Offices and Shops	..	..	..	..	..	165
Public Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	4
Schools	..	..	..	..	..	47
Moveable Dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	14
Water Supply and Sampling	..	..	..	..	..	28
Swimming Pools and Sampling..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Places of Entertainment	..	..	..	..	..	4
Immigrants	..	..	..	..	..	3
Infectious Diseases and Disinfection	..	..	..	..	..	40
Refuse Disposal	..	..	..	..	..	18
Rodent Control	..	..	..	..	..	134
Atmospheric Pollution	..	..	..	..	..	425
Vermin and Insect Pests	..	..	..	..	..	28
Pet Shops	..	..	..	..	..	3
Petroleum	..	..	..	..	..	103
Miscellaneous Visits..	..	..	..	..	..	180
Interviews with Owners, Builders etc.	..	..	..	..	..	1,548
Meat and Other Food Inspection:-						
Shops and Stalls	..	..	..	..	..	22
Wholesalers, Canteens etc.	..	..	..	..	..	71
Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	26
Dairies and Milk Distributors	..	..	..	..	..	19
Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	15
Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	31
Bakers..	..	..	..	..	..	22

Grocers .. .. .	86
Ice-Cream Premises and Vehicles .. .. .	14
Greengrocers .. .. .	22
Licensed Premises .. .. .	32
Street Markets .. .. .	134
Food Preparing Premises and Wholesalers .. .. .	129
Sugar Confectioners .. .. .	10
Other Food Premises and Vehicles .. .. .	7
Milk Sampling.. .. .	2
Ice-Cream Sampling .. .. .	2
Other Foods Sampling.. .. .	9
Miscellaneous Food Visits .. .. .	28

### SPECIAL PREMISES

Particulars of the number and type of all the special premises on the register at the end of 1972 are given below :-

	<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No.</u>
<u>Factories.</u>		
(a) Power .. .. .		100
(b) Non-Power .. .. .		4
Offices .. .. .		103
Fuel Storage Depots .. .. .		5
<u>Food Premises</u>		
Bakehouses and Bakers .. .. .		5
Butchers .. .. .		9
Canteens .. .. .		23
<u>Clubs</u>		
(a) Licensed .. .. .		12
(b) Non-Licensed .. .. .		11
Dairy Men and Dairies .. .. .		2
<u>Fishmongers</u>		
(a) Wet Fish .. .. .		1
(b) Wet and Fried .. .. .		2
Greengrocers .. .. .		9
<u>Grocers</u>		
(a) Licensed .. .. .		4
(b) Non-Licensed .. .. .		19

<u>Type of Premises</u>							<u>No.</u>
<u>Food Premises</u>							
Hotels .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Licensed Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
<u>Restaurants</u>							
(a) Licensed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
(b) Non-Licensed	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Sugar Confectionery ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Manufacture or Storage of Ice-Cream	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Manufacture or Storage of Sausages etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Wholesale Food Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Non-Food Premises</u>							
Antiques .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Boots and Shoes	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Builders Merchants	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Chemists .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Clothiers .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Drapers .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dry Cleaners ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Electrical Goods	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Furniture etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Florists .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Hairdressers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Hardware .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ironmongers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Jewellers and Watchmakers	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Leather Goods..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Launderettes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Milliners .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Motor Cycle Dealers etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Miscellaneous..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Multiple and Departmental Stores	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Newsagents .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Opticians .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Pet Shops and Seed Merchants	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Petrol Filling Stations (excluding those registered as Factories)	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Places of Entertainment	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Plumbing and Heating Engineers	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Photographers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Radio and Television..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No.</u>
<u>Non-Food Premises (Cont'd.)</u>	
Sports and Camping Equipment .. .. .	3
Stationers .. .. .	4
Toys .. .. .	2
Tobacconists .. .. .	5
Wallpaper .. .. .	3
Warehouse and Wholesalers .. .. .	6
Wool .. .. .	1

#### COMPLAINTS AND MATTERS REFERRED

Complaints received .....	483
Complaints investigated .....	472
Complaints referred to other Departments and Authorities .....	11

#### TESTING AND REPAIR OF DRAINS AND SANITARY FITTINGS

Drains cleared or repaired .....	18
Drains tested .....	16

#### NOTICES SERVED AND THE RESULTS OF THE SERVICE OF SUCH NOTICES.

<u>Preliminary Notices.</u>	<u>No. Served.</u>	<u>No. Complied With.</u>
Dwelling houses for Housing Defects	32	31
Special Premises (Shops, Factories, etc.)	32	27

N.B. The number of notices complied with in respect of dwelling houses, includes notices outstanding from the previous year.



SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

	At Dwelling Houses	At Food Premises	At Shops, Offices, Hotels Etc.
Abstract provided	-	2	9
Accumulations removed	6	-	-
Ceilings Repaired or Renewed	83	-	1
Chimney Stacks Repaired or Improved	21	-	-
Clothing Lockers Provided	-	3	1
Dampness remedied	11	-	-
Dangerous Machines Guarded	-	-	1
Disinfection and Disinfestation	1	-	-
Doorsteps provided or improved	50	-	-
Doors repaired or renewed	63	-	-
Drains cleared or repaired	18	1	-
Drain inspection chambers provided, renewed or improved	21	-	-
Drains laid or relaid	17	-	-
Electrical work	14	-	-
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	45	-	-
Equipment provided or improved	-	1	1
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	36	-	-
First Aid Kit provided	-	5	7
Floors repaired or renewed	45	4	1
Food display improved	-	3	-
Food handling improved	-	11	5
Food stores provided	6	-	-
Garden walls repaired	15	-	-
Gulleys provided	23	-	-
Handrail to stairs	12	-	-
Heating provided	14	1	-
Hot water supply provided or improved	20	2	-
Internal water supply provided	3	-	-
Outbuildings demolished	12	-	-
Overcrowding abated	-	-	1
Rain Water Pipes repaired or renewed	35	-	-
Refrigerator provided	-	1	-
Roofs repaired	44	2	-
Rooms decorated and cleansed	69	3	4
Soap, towels etc. provided	-	5	-
Sinks, baths or basins provided	61	4	3
Smoking cautions given	-	1	-

# SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED (Cont'd.)

	At Dwelling Houses	At Food Premises	At Shops, Offices, Hotels, Etc.
Soil and Vent pipes provided/improved	15	-	-
Staircases repaired/renewed	11	-	-
Sub floor ventilation	1	-	-
Thermometer	-	1	10
Wall plaster repaired or renewed	69	-	-
Walls repaired or renewed - Internal	74	3	3
- External	87	-	-
Wash Coppers removed	1	-	-
Waste pipes repaired or renewed	48	-	-
Water Butts provided	1	-	-
Water supply pipes repaired or renewed	51	-	-
Water closets - Artificial lighting provided	21	-	-
Cisterns provided	21	-	-
Flushpipe joint renewed	21	-	-
Improved	21	-	-
Notices displayed	-	2	1
Pedestals provided	21	2	-
Provided/rebuilt	27	1	-
Seats provided or repaired	20	-	-
Windows provided or repaired	71	1	4
Yard paving provided or improved	24	-	-

## DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

34 properties were disinfested for ants, beetles, fleas and other insects and 84 wasp's nests were destroyed during the year. The wasp's nests were dealt with by Rentokil Laboratories Limited on behalf of the Council.

Complaints regarding infestations of insects, which in the past few years had become quite rare, now seem to be fairly common and widespread in houses. This is now most noticeable concerning complaints of fleas, beetles and ants. With regard to fleas this increase in the number of infestations reported and dealt with, seems to be due to the keeping of pets in houses for most times of the day and night. Fleas, beetles and ants also breed more quickly in the warm, centrally-heated modern houses of today, than in the comparatively 'cold' houses of past years. The majority of these infestations can be successfully treated with the correct use of modern insecticides.

Two Disinfections were also carried out.

## ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Details of the observations for the year ending 31st March, 1972, in connection with the National Survey of Air Pollution, are given in Table I. The sites listed in this table are all in the same classification as Bishop's Stortford and this enables a comparison to be made of the smoke and sulphur dioxide concentrations.

Table II shows the average concentrations of smoke and sulphur dioxide at the two stations in the town since local recordings began. The amounts of pollution are not very large but it will be noted that there continues to be a steady fall in smoke pollution, although unfortunately, sulphur dioxide pollution remains fairly constant.

Table III indicates the average monthly concentrations of smoke and sulphur dioxide for the year 1972 at the two stations.

TABLE I  
NATIONAL SURVEY OF AIR POLLUTION

Table of Observations for the year ending 31st March, 1972  
for Typical Sites in same Classification as Bishop's Stortford.

SITE NAME AND NO.(D/2)	SMOKE			SULPHUR DIOXIDE			RATIO OF SMOKE TO SULPHUR DIOXIDE			
	Sum.	Win.	Yrl. Ave.	Sum.	Win.	Yrl. Ave.	Sum.	Win.	Yrl.	Ave.
U.D.C. Herts	18	39	28	54	100	76	.33	.39		.37
B.C. Essex	14	35	24	37	76	56	.38	.46		.43
U.D.C. Essex	14	32	23	36	58	47	.19	.55		.49
U.D.C. Essex	15	37	26	55	99	76	.27	.37		.34
U.D.C. Essex	26	58	42	103	106	104	.25	.55		.40
Bishop's Stortford U.D.C.	18	35	26	46	77	61	.39	.45		.43

Concentrations expressed in Microgrammes per Cubic Metre.

B.C. - Borough Council. U.D.C. - Urban District Council.

Sum - Summer. Win - Winter. Yrl.Ave - Yearly Average.

Site Classification - D/2 - small town centre, limited commercial area mixed with old residential housing and possibly minor industry.



TABLE II.  
ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Averages for Both Stations in Bishop's  
Stortford since Investigations commenced locally

STATION	YEAR	SMOKE			SULPHUR DIOXIDE		
		Summer Average	Winter Average	Yearly Average	Summer Average	Winter Average	Yearly Average
Bishop's Stortford  No. 1 Station Council House	1960	42	177	79	42	98	70
	1961	35	120	78	47	110	78
	1962	31	119	75	36	90	63
	1963	30	103	66	39	102	71
	1964	32	96	70	44	98	77
	1965	33	76	54	36	64	50
	1966	28	80	54	35	76	56
	1967	26	77	51	35	84	60
	1968	26	61	43	36	76	56
	1969	27	59	43	30	76	53
	1970	33	54	44	44	76	60
	1971	18	48	33	46	77	61
	1972	15	34	22	48	88	63
Average for above 13 years		29	85	55	40	86	63
Bishop's Stortford  No. 2 Station Cemetery	1962	23	118	71	26	89	58
	1963	23	116	70	32	112	72
	1964	20	113	67	34	100	67
	1965	22	84	53	33	67	50
	1966	20	70	45	32	65	48
	1967	18	58	38	27	67	47
	1968	27	49	38	36	66	51
	1969	16	50	33	27	70	49
	1970	14	36	25	39	69	54
	1971	11	38	24	41	70	56
	1972	9	28	18	36	67	51
Average for above 11 years		18	69	44	33	77	55

CONCENTRATIONS EXPRESSED IN MICROGRAMMES  
PER CUBIC METRE

The average monthly concentrations for both stations in  
Bishop's Stortford are given in Table III

TABLE III  
ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION  
Average Monthly Concentration Figures - Bishop's Stortford

1972	COUNCIL HOUSE STATION NO.1.						CEMETERY STATION NO.2.					
	Smoke			Sulphur Dioxide			Smoke			Sulphur Dioxide		
	A.V.	H.V.	L.V.	A.V.	H.V.	L.V.	A.V.	H.V.	L.V.	A.V.	H.V.	L.V.
January	38	140	7	85	145	48	29	127	7	70	161	37
February	29	88	9	92	157	35	39	102	13	68	152	33
March	36	70	16	87	137	42	30	55	10	78	153	33
April	17	37	5	47	74	19	7	13	7	48	78	10
May	18	38	7	48	78	13	7	13	2	39	59	5
June	9	19	4	46	76	26	4	7	1	35	56	22
July	11	23	6	41	61	22	5	6	3	24	43	11
August	19	50	8	57	96	31	16	15	5	32	60	16
September	N	N	N	N	N	N	16	7	38	42	63	30
October	N	N	N	N	N	N	18	44	8	41	51	27
November	N	N	N	N	N	N	20	49	7	58	118	36
December	N	N	N	N	N	N	29	66	4	87	182	23
Averages	22	58	8	63	103	29	18	42	9	52	98	24
Averages for 1971	33	71	10	61	133	31	24	61	6	56	129	27

CONCENTRATIONS EXPRESSED IN MICROGRAMMES  
PER CUBIC METRE.

A.V. = Average Value.

L.V. = Lowest Value.

H.V. = Highest Value.

N = Station Discontinued - Council  
House Demolished.

Note: The Council House No. 1 Station was discontinued during the year  
due to the demolition of the Council House.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### (a) Food Hygiene.

Thirty-five food complaints were investigated during the year and a number of warning letters were sent. These complaints involved bread, confectionery, drink, fish, fruit, milk, pies, preserves, sausage rolls and tinned foods, and concerned foreign matter and insects in the foods, mould and general decomposition of the foods.

### (b) Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles.

Regular inspections were carried out during the year to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Food Regulations which apply to covered and uncovered markets, delivery vehicles, mobile shops, stalls and trading in the open air generally.

### (c) Milk Supply.

Nine samples of bottled milk and two samples of cream were taken in the course of delivery to the consumer during the year and submitted to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. Details of these samples are shown in the table.

Designation	No. of Samples Taken	No. Satisfactory	No. Un-Satisfactory
Pasteurised milk	7	7	-
Sterilised milk	1	1	-
Cream	2	2	-
Separated milk	1	1	-

Legal Proceedings were taken under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, against the local Dairy, in two cases for the sale of milk in bottles which had not been properly cleansed. The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined a total £20.00 and £10.00 costs.

### (d) Manufacture and Sale of Ice-Cream.

Thirty-eight premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream.

### Bacteriological Examination

Three samples of ice-cream were submitted to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. The results of the samples are detailed in the table below. Grade 4 samples are regarded as unsatisfactory.

No. of Samples	Results of Samples			
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Ice-Cream	3	-	-	-

Two samples of ice lollies were also taken and all were reported upon as satisfactory by the laboratory.

### MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION.

(i) Eleven premises are registered under the Food and Drugs, Act 1955, for the preparation and manufacture of preserved food.

#### (ii) Imported Food Regulations, 1968.

Containerisation of Imported Food continues to bring about increasing activity in this respect at the United Kingdom Cold Store, Dunmow Road. The Regulations allow for the Containers, in certain cases, to pass through the ports for examination at their destination in this Country. The Containers, which are refrigerated, remain sealed until examination of the contents is carried out before being taken into cold storage.

The type of food consisted mainly of frozen vegetables, fruit, meat, poultry and the total weight of food brought into the Cold Store requiring inspection during the year was a little over 557 tons. Advance notification of the movement of the containers is given by the appropriate Port Health Authority in accordance with the Regulations.

### MISCELLANEOUS FOOD SAMPLING

Ten samples of various foods were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory. All were found to be satisfactory.

## DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

All unsound food was disposed of under supervision.

The total amount of food condemned was 2.209 tons. This compares with 2.071 tons for the year 1971. Details are given below :-

Type of Food Condemned	Weight lbs.
Offal	211
Carcase Meat	1,665
Cooked Meat and Meat Products	50
Tinned Meat (4 tins)	50
Other Tinned Foods (696 tins)	705
Fresh Fish	196
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	522
Frozen Foods (738 packets)	356
Other Foods	1,193
TOTAL	4,948 lbs.

## RODENT CONTROL.

### (i) Disinfestation of Sewers.

A treatment of the sewers was carried out during June, 1972. One hundred sewer manholes were baited. Only slight evidence of rats in the system was revealed.

### (ii) Disinfestation of Surface Properties.

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		Non. Agricultural	Agricultural
1.	Number of Properties in District	8,478	20
2. (a)	Total Number of Properties (including nearby premises) in- spected following notification..	209	26
(b)	Number infested by :-		
	(i) Rats.....	116	12
	(ii) Mice.....	39	10



3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.

(b) Number infested by :-  
 (i) Rats.....  
 (ii) Mice.....

TYPE OF PROPERTY	
Non. Agricultural	Agricultural
891	38
2	3
1	2

#### THE STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Forty-seven premises were licensed by the Council for the storage of Petroleum Spirit and fees received in respect of these licences amounted to £179.00p.

Nine underground petrol tanks were taken out of service during the year and three were removed and rendered safe, one filled with concrete and five tanks were filled with water as a safety precaution.

#### PET ANIMAL ACT, 1951.

Four licences were granted by the Council during the year in respect of the keeping of pet shops.

#### FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Twenty-six visits were made to the factories on the register.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS For Purposes  
of Provisions as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	100	23	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	5	5	-	-
T O T A L	109	31	-	-

PART 1 OF THE ACT (Cont'd.)

2. CASES In Which Defects Were Found

PARTICULARS	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Ref.to H.M. Inspector	Ref.by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (s1) .....	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) .....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (s 3) ....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (s 4) .....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s 6) ....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (s 7) :-					
(a) Insufficient ..	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective ....	-	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes ....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) .....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	2	-	-	-



## HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

(a) By the Local Authority	NIL
(b) By Private Enterprise	14.

Number of units of accommodation made  
available by conversion of existing house 8.

## HOUSES DEMOLISHED:

Two houses were demolished during the year :-

Portland Road -	No. 27.
Dunmow Road -	No. 1.

## HOUSES CLOSED:

The houses listed below were closed during the year :-

Dimsdale Crescent -	Nos. 63, 87, 99 and 107.
Middle Row -	No. 18.
Oak Street -	Nos. 17 and 36.

## HOUSES REMOVED TO MAKE WAY FOR OTHER DEVELOPMENT:

Apton Road -	No. 31.
Bartholomew Road -	Nos. 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48.
Bridge Street -	No. 16.
Causeway -	No. 2 and 1 and 2, Council Depot.
Devoils Lane -	Nos. 3 and 7.
Dimsdale Crescent -	Nos. 68, 71, 75, 81 and 85.
Hadham Road -	No. 108.
Potter Street -	Nos. 3, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15.
Trinity Street -	No. 4.

## HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

<u>Type of Grant</u>	<u>No. of Grants Approved</u>
Standard Grant	9
Improvement Grant	23.

In addition, the Council refused to approve four applications for Improvement Grants and a further three applications were withdrawn by the applicants concerned.

## THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

### Registrations and Inspections

Forty-six premises were newly registered during the year and there were 323 premises on the register at the end of the year, employing 927 males and 1,166 females, a total of 2,093.

TABLE "A"  
REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Class of Premises	No. of Premises Newly Registered during the year.	Total No. of Registered Premises at end of year.	No. of Registered Premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year.
Offices .....	15	100	11
Retail Shops .....	31	186	6
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses .....	NIL	9	NIL
Catering establishments, open to public, canteens..	NIL	24	NIL
Fuel Storage depots .....	NIL	4	NIL
TOTALS	46	323	17

TABLE "B"

Number of Visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to Registered Premises .....	516
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TABLE "C"  
ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

CLASS OF PREMISES	No. of Persons Employed
Offices .....	684
Retail Shops .....	1,013
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses .....	167
Catering Establishments open to the public .....	156
Canteens .....	26
Fuel Storage Depots .....	47
Total ..	2,093
Total Males ..	927
Total Females ..	1,166

TABLE "D"  
EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

Part I	Space (Section 5) (2) .....	NIL
Part II	Temperature (Section 6) .....	NIL
Part III	Sanitary Conveniences (Section 9) .....	NIL
Part IV	Washing Facilities (Section 10) .....	NIL

TABLE "E"

Prosecutions .....	NIL
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TABLE "F"  
INSPECTORS.

No. of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act .....	3
No. of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act .....	NIL

TABLE "G"  
ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS.

Section	No. of Contraventions found	Section	No. of Contraventions Found
4.	Cleanliness ..... 11	14	Seats (sedentary workers) ..... NIL
5.	Overcrowding .... NIL	15.	Eating Facilities ..... NIL
6.	Temperature ..... 15	16.	Floors, passages & stairs ..... 5
7.	Ventilation ..... 1	17.	Fencing exposed parts of machinery ..... 3
8.	Lighting ..... 5	18.	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery ..... NIL
9.	Sanitary conveniences ..... 5	19.	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery .. NIL
10.	Washing Facilities ..... 4	23.	Prohibition of heavy work ..... NIL
11.	Supply of drinking water ..... 4	24.	First Aid ..... 16
12.	Clothing accommodation .. 3		Other Matters ..... 27
13.	Sitting Facilities ..... NIL		
			TOTAL 99

TABLE "H"  
REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	No. Reported		Total No. Investi- gated	Action Recommended			No Action
	Fatal	Non- Fatal		Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	NIL	1	1	NIL	NIL	1	NIL
Retail Shops	NIL	5	5	NIL	NIL	5	NIL
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	NIL	1	1	NIL	NIL	1	NIL
Catering establish- ments open to the public, canteens	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Fuel Storage depots	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTALS	NIL	7	7	NIL	NIL	7	NIL

TABLE "J"  
ANALYSIS OF REPORTED ACCIDENTS

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Catering Establishments Open to Public, Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots
Machinery	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
Transport	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Falls of Persons	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL
Stepping on or striking against object or person	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
Handling Goods	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
Struck by falling object	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Fires and Explosions	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Electricity	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Use of Hand Tools	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Not Otherwise specified	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL



